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11. (SBU) PolOff delivered reftel points on April 30 to Lourdes Puma, MFA Director General of Multilateral Affairs, who had been previously unavailable due to travel and her participation in the EU-Andean Community negotiations.

12. (C) Puma said that she was unaware of the Israeli Air Force mission over Syria, as well as of any nuclear program by Syria. She said that Ecuador fully supports compliance by all countries with IAEA safeguards agreements. However, she would like the opportunity to review the background information before making any comments specific to Syria, promising to contact us with any questions or comments. Post will follow up at a later date to clarify the GOE's position.
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